(a) if so, whether it is a fact that the Officer appointed for the post is seventh in the seniority list; and

(b) whether any guidelines have been laid down in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) Yes Sir.

(c) Appointment to the post of Chairman, LIC has not been made.

(a) Does not arise.

Loan disbursed by Banks

3182. DR. D. MASTHAN:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(b) whether it is a fact there has been an increase in the amount of loan extended by Public Sector Banks during the first three months of the financial year 2000-2001 as compared to that of the corresponding period of the previous financial year;

(c) if so, the amount of loan disbursed during the first three months of the year 2000-2001 and 1999-2000, separately; and

(d) the amount of loan pertaining to food items (eatable) and nonfood items (non-eatable) respectively out of that amount?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The outstanding position of total bank credit of scheduled commercial banks including public sector banks has increased during the first three months of the year 2000-2001 up to June 30, 2000 as indicated in the table below. The outstanding position and also the increase/ decrease of food credit and non-food credit during the first three months of the year 2000-2001 and the corresponding period of the previous year are also indicated in the table below:

(Rs. crore)

	Increas/decrease of bank credit during the first three month of the financial year 2000-2001		1999-2000	
	Outstanding as on June 30, 2000	Increase(+)/ Decrease(—) in three months	Outstanding as on June 18, 1999	Increase(+)/ Decrease(—) in three months
Total Bank credit	455261	(+)21079	366120	(+)166
Of which: Food credit	33182	(+)7491	22221	(+)5405
Non-food credit	422079	(+)13589	343898	(-)5289

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Corruption in BIFR

3183. SHRI S. AGNIRAJ: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 5405 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 16th July, 2000 and state:

(a) what is the total number of cases pending with BIFR;

(b) whether it is a fact that there is rampant corrupton in BIFR and only selective action is taken; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken to rectify the performance of BIFR?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) As reported by Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) 1062 cases are pending with BIFR at various stages of the hearings as on 30th June, 2000.

(b) and (c) The Board has reported that it is not a fact that there is rampant corruption in BIFR. The cases are taken up not selectively as alleged but on merits of each case. The delays take place due to limited number of benches and the